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A DECLARATION

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The most High and Mighty Princesse, the QUEEN

OF

SWEDEN,

CONCERNING

Prince Charles,

AND

The Swedish Crown: With a Representation from the States, to Her Majesty, in reference to the same; and Her Gracious Answer thereunto.

ALSO,

The further proceedings of the Prince at the *Hague*, and His Propositions and Desires to the States. Together with the Earl of *Brainfords* Letter, to his Higness, concerning the Swedish Forces.

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Concerning

Prince *Charles*, &c. And Her Majesties Gracious Answer to the Representation of the States Generall touching His Highnesse.

Right Honoured,

THe Earl of Brainford hath had audience, with the most high and mighty Princesse the Queen of Sweden, and hath given an account to his young master the Prince, of the representing his Embassie to her Majesty, purporting, That there are matters of great consequence, to be maturely debated before there can be an Army of Zwitzers obtained, which gives

gives a great demur to the new Game in agitation; ſo that if their Cards be not well plaid upon the firſt leading, the Game is in great halard of being utterly loſt and fruſtrated in the concluſion. And the rather by reaſon of the uniting of the two moſt famous and renowned Princes of *Europe*, which in all probability will ſoon be made manifeſt to all Chriſtian princes, thorow out their ſeverall Teritories: For the moſt illuſtrious Queen of Sweden, hath declared prince *Charles* palatine, &c. (her Cozen German) to be her rightfull Succeſſour to the Crown, in caſe ſhe die without Iſſue: the States having with a great deal of joy and triumph approved thereof, and for the further confirmation thereof, humbly beſought her Majeſty to be pleaſed to accept of him alſo for her husband; to which ſhe anſwered, That if they did make propoſitions to Her of that nature, ſhe would take them into ſerious conſideration, and ſpeedily give them a poſitive anſwer, &c. ſo that there is ſo much probability in this, that it is taken for granted, that the Solemnization of Marriage will ſuddenly be accompliſhed, between his Highneſſe, and her Majeſty, the moſt vertuous and illuſtrious Queen now raigning in Europe, the Worlds Mirrour, Religion's Banner, and a ſecond Star to the late glorious Comet of *England*, the moſt high and mighty Princeſſe Queen *Elizabeth* of happy memory.

Hague 14. *Aprſl*, 1649.

Other Letters from *Holland* ſay, That *the Scots Commiſſioners have had audience with the Prince, they preſented Letters unto their declared King, upon the knee, and ſaid that was their endeared affection, enamoured them to that poſture of obedience and loyalty: they tell their King*

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he knew Scotlands mind by some sent before, and they desire to treat about it, but first Montrosse must depart, they bewayled the death of his late Royall Father, uttering many inveterate expressions against the causers of it: as yet no treaty hath been, nor answer given, and though it was declared, by their declared King to them, at the delivery thereof, that within few days he would return a satisfactory answer; yet he now seems to vary, determining to take some respite of time in consultation thereon, and desires likewise to take the advice of the States Generall; and to that end hath given Sir *Edward Hide* directions to bring in a Declaration, to be presented to the said Councell, the sum and abstract whereof followeth.

1 That he desires a treaty with some of the States Generall, in reference to the present transaction of affairs, touching his remove from the *Hague* to the Kingdom of *France*, before he take his journey for *Ireland*.

2 That the chief motives of his inducement hereunto, are, by reason of the distractions breaking out anew in the Kingdom of Scotland; which divisions causeth him to despair in the safety of his person, &c. But these conjecturations in all probability will soon be frustrated, for we conceive he will make his abode here, as the best center of his affairs, and that some of the States may possibly be advisers, in giving assistance to his refutations, in case his Councell be not over violent to the contrary.

A Narrative of the proceedings of the Forces in Ireland touching Prince CHARLES.

BY an Expresse from the City of Dublin, to several Marchants residing here, it is advertized; That the Marquesse of Ormond, Generall Preston, the Earle of Clanaickard, and the rest of the Irish confederates, and compieres have no considerable field army, and the severall Factions break out into high Differences, by reason of the falling off of the Lord Inchiquin, and Generall Owen Roe, who are resolved not to fight against Lieut. Generall Crumwell, and the English army, which hath occasioned Prince *Rupert* to represent a letter to the said Lord *Inchiquin*, which was to this effect, *viz.*

That He desireth him to use his utmost endeavours, for the propagating of the present work in hand, in relation to the investing of his sacred Majesty (as he is pleased to call the young titular King, *Charles* the second) *in all on his* English, Irish, *and* Scottish Throne, *and to endeavour the restauration of him to its just Rights and Dignities, &c.*

But his Lordship returned this answer, *That he was resolved to desist from any further engagement against the parliament of* England, *or to be any wayes instrumentall, for the involving of bleeding* England *and* Ireland, *in another bloudy and domestique War; and that for the more apparent acquitting himself of that inhuman crime he declared that he was resolved to sacrifice both life and fortunes, against all opposition whatsoever, that should endeavour the obstruction of the peace and tranquility of that Nation.*

Insomuch, that the difference between prince *Rupert* and

and his Lordſhip increaſeth, and the breach is like to grow wider before there can be any compoſure or reconciliation. For Gen. *Owen Roe* is likewiſe fallen into a diſcontented againſt the Marq. of *Ormond*, who upon mature deliberation, in reference to his proceedings, and of the Engliſh Forces to be ſent over, under the conduct and command of Lieut. Generall *Crumwell*, the ſaid *Owen Roe* called a Councell of Officers, and after ſome time ſpent in debate of the preſent tranſaction of affaires, it was reſolved by the Councell, That two Letter ſhould be forthwith drawn up, the one to be communicated to the parliament of England, the other to Colonell Jones, intimating. That if they will not moleſt, or cauſe to be moleſted, any of the Forces under his immediate command, in their quarters during the time prefixed for their reſidence in that kingdom, that then he will not ingage againſt any of their Forces, neither will he give any aſſiſtance to the Marqueſſe of *Ormond*, *Preſton*, or any other parties who ſhall engage againſt them, provided, that they will not any wayes trouble his quarters, upon the advance of the Engliſh Army over, during the time of his reſidence as aforeſaid.

2 That he may have ſafe paſſage into Spain with ſuch forces as ſhall bee deſigned for that Kingdome, &c.

By which meanes and revolt, divers begin to decline from engagement, and to deſert the prince; ſo that it is hoped that Nation will ſoon be reduced to the power and obedience of parliament, and a period put to her languiſhing ane bleeding condition. *Ormond* is in a very ſad condition, and dare not take the field, his men moulter away apace.

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The *Expedition*, *the Tyger*, and another of the Parliaments ships are got to *Ayr* point within a few leagus of Leverpool, to secure the Coast of *Ireland* on that side. We hear of some action at Sea, between the two Navies, which speaks the Parliament Victors, and that they have sunk and taken 9 of the princes ships: for the further particulars whereof, I shall refer you to my nexr.

The Dammee-prince is at Kingsale, from whence we hear, that he hath made proclamation (in the young Kings Name) assuming the power of Deputy and Lord Lieutenant Generall of Ireland, casting off the Marq. of Ormond, and other Commission Officers, and placing others in their stead, which causeth great mutinies and insurrections amongst the Souldiery both by Sea and Land; the one threatning to cast him over board; the other to pistoll him; which fatall Destiny, in processe of time, may (in all probability) befall this bloudy tyrant, for revenging the bloud of those precious Soules, whose cryes are eccho'd up to Heaven as an allarum against him.

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